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Information Requirement under 37 CFR 1.105

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The applicant is reminded that the reply to this requirement must be made with candor and good faith under 37 CFR 1.56. Where the applicant does not have or cannot readily obtain an item of required information, a statement that the item is unknown or cannot be readily obtained may be accepted as a complete reply to the requirement for that item.

This requirement is subject to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.134, 1.135 and 1.136 and has a shortened statutory period of 1 month. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that failure to fully reply to this requirement for information will result in a holding of abandonment. The number in the first column corresponds to the number written on each document previously sent to applicant. Each was downloaded from the Internet.

##	Claim	Materials requested	Basis for request	Found in
1	All	10 page document	The most reputable e-commerce sites publish business policies within easy reach of their home pages. XSAg.com, for example, rolls out a 10-page document	How secure is online buying? <u>Karen McMahon, Farm Industry News</u> , Minneapolis: <u>Apr 2000</u> , Vol.33,Iss.7; 4 pages

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			detailing its business policies, user agreement and privacy statement just one click away from its home page.	
2	Web site of a seller and its functions	Seller web site screen prints, selections available such as online selling of laboratory chemicals and equipment	Live <i>since January [1999]</i> , XS sells <i>agricultural chemicals</i> over its Internet site XSAg.com, taking the role of middleman between seller and buyer by facilitating payment and shipping. Just last week, the 22-employee company added seed to its inventory, and plans to add fertilizers, veterinary products, livestock and farm equipment.	XS trying to become tip-of-tongue name; [Final Edition], <u>CARLENE HEMPEL</u>. <u>News & Observer</u>. Raleigh, N.C.: <u>Sep 21, 1999</u>, 1 page. XS offering more online; [Final Edition], <u>DAVID RANII</u>. <u>News & Observer</u>. Raleigh, N.C.: <u>Aug 3, 1999</u>. pg. D.1
3	Web site of a seller and its functions	XSAG White Paper: the neutral trading exchange in agricultural B2B		Found on xsinc.com site, last update 29 February 2000, page 1 of screen document.

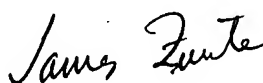
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James H. Zurita whose telephone number is 571-272-6766. The examiner can normally be reached on 8a-5pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey A. Smith can be reached on 571-272-6763. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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